

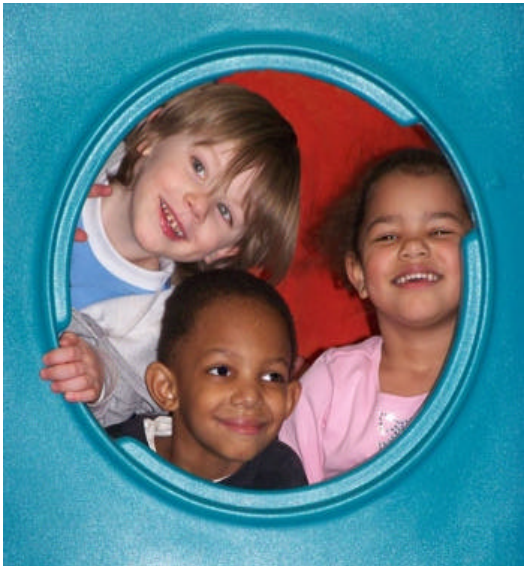
SAVE THE DATE!!

18th Annual VERMONT KINDERGARTEN CONFERENCE

April 9, 2010

To be held at:

Hilton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont



The Vermont Department of Education and the Early Childhood PreK-3 Program at the University of Vermont invite you to participate in the 18th annual Kindergarten Conference. This conference brings together kindergarten teachers, school administrators, prekindergarten teachers and administrators, teacher educators, researchers, and pre-service teachers to explore evidence-based practices, discuss issues, learn from each other, and hopefully become rejuvenated and inspired.

We are excited that Karen Gallas will be with us as the keynote speaker and workshop presenter. Karen's work as a teacher researcher is recognized nationally and internationally. She has written many articles and four books on the role of literacy learning across all disciplines, on science language and inquiry, on the arts as a vehicle for learning, on the process of conducting teacher research, and on the role of imagination in literacy learning.

Keynote:

Teaching from the Inside Out: Lessons from a Navajo Kindergarten

This talk describes Dr. Gallas' experience teaching kindergarten in a Navajo community school. It explores the challenges and the benefits of implementing a developmental kindergarten with disadvantaged children who are English Language learners and proposes that, when confronted with extreme cultural and linguistic differences, relationship is the initial building block of the effective developmental curriculum.

Other Conference Highlights:

- * *A supervisory union and a school from different parts of Vermont discuss their initiatives that seek to put the "Kinder" back in the "Garten"*
- * *Writing in kindergarten*
- * *Dramatic play and reading comprehension*
- * *Blocks at center stage*
- * *Movement for body and mind*
- * *Outdoor science investigations*
- * *Teacher research*
- * *Panel discussion: Making the Case for Play in Kindergarten*

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The Conference Brochure and registration forms will be posted on the Department of Education's Calendar of Events on January 29, 2010 at:

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#kid_con

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